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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace the paragraph at page 18, beginning at line 31, with the following amended paragraph:

In step 345, for each port in the initiator's web the initiator issues a request for the port to assume a final state in accordance with the configuration table. The port's final state includes ~~not~~ not only a setting in accordance with data in the PIM, but also settings important to the operation and error handling of the network. The method then advances to step 350.